



Six retire during June ceremony

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Three Soldiers and three civilians officially ended their government service careers during the installation Retirement Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center June 30.

Brig. Gen. Harold J. Greene, Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic, Warfare & Sensor, hosted the ceremony on behalf of Installation Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice and presented awards and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harry Rauch, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, presented the invocation.

The retirees included Lt. Col. Joseph B. Hines, Inspector General, 20th Support Command (CBRNE); Lt. Col. Louis J. Snowden II, Inspector General, 143rd Ordnance Battalion; 1st Sgt. Rohan S. Wallace, 143rd Ordnance Battalion; Michael E. Cast, public affairs specialist, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command; Elaine Robinson, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, APG North Child Development Center; Warren L. Tull, DFMWR, Family Lodging.

Green said he was pleased to recognize the great work done by the retirees, which totaled more than 136 years of service.

Noting the approach of the 4th of July weekend, a time when the country is praised for providing "liberty and justice for all," Green said the retirees likewise provided a service of training the next generation and taking care of people. He thanked the retirees, their spouses and Family members.

"Everyone who served, whether military or civilian, was a volunteer," he said, "and nothing you do is more important than bringing in the next generation. "Please encourage them to follow in your footsteps."

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All-American Celebration



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Fourth of July

The 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) color guard leads the Joppatowne-Edgewood Fourth of July parade past the grandstand in Edgewood July 2. The event kicked off the first of several weekend celebrations throughout Harford County that involved Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations. Following the color guard was a motorized giant helmet from the Visual Information Services Center, driven by LaMont Harbison, an armored vehicle from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, and the parade grand marshal Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander.

FBI joins Army CID to investigate Arlington National Cemetery

By **ROB MCILVAINE**
Army News Service

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command and the FBI are now looking into possible wrongdoing involving past burials and contracts at Arlington National Cemetery.

At a press conference outside the Arlington National Cemetery Visitors Center Wednesday, a CID spokesman said that his agency will continue to lead the investigation, but confirmed that CID asked for FBI assistance and is currently working jointly with the FBI into possible

criminal activity at the cemetery.

"These criminal activities include the burial of eight sets of cremated remains in one single location at the cemetery, improper burial reservations and possible contract fraud," said Chris Grey, CID chief of Public Affairs.

Concerning these investigations, Grey said he cannot discuss any possible, future legal proceedings.

"It's critical to point out that the investigative activity ongoing today does not include the current administration for the cemetery, Arlington National Cemetery

personnel or their activities," said Grey, adding that CID has been conducting investigations into several allegations involving personnel and activities at Arlington National Cemetery since October 2010 at the Army's request.

In regard to the eight sets of cremated human remains, he said CID in coordination with Arlington National Cemetery, was able to identify three of the cremated remains and Arlington National Cemetery personnel have notified family members.

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Leaders talk transformation with Lt. Gen. Via

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM PAO

The focus of APG's transformation efforts has shifted to accommodating the growth in the civilian workforce and the missions they accomplish, installation leaders told Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via, Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general, during a visit here June 30.

Base Realignment and Closure at APG is on schedule to meet the Army's Sept. 15 deadline, leaders said. Other initiatives not related to BRAC will increase the installation's workforce past that date.

"Our planning is paying dividends. It's about the mission, not the buildings," said Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and senior APG commander.

Via and Justice discussed the challenges as APG transitions to a primarily civilian workforce.

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Photo by Conrad Johnson

Brad Ruprecht (left), of ECBC's Advanced Design and Manufacturing Division, explains the 3-D printing process to Lt. Gen. Dennis Via, Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general.

SAMC shoe drive extended

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

How long would you last without shoes?

Most people in developed countries will never know, and APG Soldiers are putting a dent in the number of needy populations who would otherwise find out.

Members of KUSAC's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club are hosting a shoe drive through July 15. Shoes collected by the SAMC will be handed over to a non-profit organization and distributed throughout the United States and abroad, ending up at clinics, orphanages, hospitals, homeless and battered women shelters as well as feeding and disaster relief programs.

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OPINION

Heading for divorce? Maybe it's combat stress

When I was getting ready for this deployment, I clicked the online PTSD booklet, What Families Should Know, What Families Can Do. I thought it was an awesome resource—well-written. Clear. Reassuring.

My husband thought so too. “But we don’t really need that,” he said. “None of that stuff will ever happen to us.”



Which is probably true, I think. But I still wanna be ready. So I noted the dramatic symptoms I’ve seen on TV and in movies: flashbacks, trouble sleeping, difficulty concentrating, an unwillingness to socialize, inappropriate anger, reliance on drugs and alcohol.

But then I read the more subtle indicators for combat stress and PTSD and TBI, the ones that weren’t so dramatic, weren’t so obvious. These sounded more familiar. I hear from military spouses all the time in person and online about service members who return from deployment and just don’t want to talk. Act angry all the time. Have no interest in their marriage or spending time with their spouses. Get easily annoyed with the kids. I’ve even heard from spouses who are stunned after the deployment to hear that their service member thinks the relationship is over.

According to the research, those can be signs of combat stress, too. But surely the researchers also recognize that these signs are also a whole lot like the ol’ He’s Not That Into You. If there isn’t a blood test for PTSD or combat stress, how are we Family members supposed to differentiate between the

physical/psychological consequences of war and the crumbling of the relationship?

Because we spouses are well aware that military relationships do end sometimes. Couples—even long married couples—can develop problems during deployment. But how are we supposed to distinguish between for better or for worse from combat stress? Booklets like What Families Should Know, What Families Can Do are a good place to start. I’ve always found Military OneSource is great when I need to connect with a real person. I know lots of people are working on solutions to help our service members and their Families handle combat stress, PTSD, TBI.

That is all good. But I want to do something now. Before anything happens. While we are both whole. Before either of us are debilitated with anger or numbness or depression.

So I went ahead and printed out the booklet for Brad. He made a rude noise through his nose.

“But I bet it feels real,” I told him. “I bet those guys with combat stress feel like their anger or whatever is legiti-



I hear from military spouses all the time in person and online about service members who return from deployment and just don’t want to talk. Act angry all the time. Have no interest in their marriage or spending time with their spouses.

mate, logical. Like when I would cry at nothing when I was pregnant. Or rage when I was breastfeeding. Those things felt real. What will be the test for us so that we both know something is really wrong?”

Brad didn’t say anything then. But later during the game he said that if he didn’t want to do any house projects that would be a sign that something was wrong. A few days after that he came home from work and said that if he called me or the kids any names that would be really wrong for him.

So I had him write those two things down on my printout of the booklet. “If I stop doing projects or call people names, I promise I will get help.”

“OK?” he said, signing his name. “OK.”

When he left I looked over that book again. I told myself this would never happen to us. I’m just overdramatic. But I wrote underneath his words anyway: I promise I will hold on to who you really are. The real you. The way you are with us. The way you are before you go.

And I won’t let go of that. I won’t let go.

Jacey Eckhart
CinCHouse.com

Finding success in military marriages

Keeping the faith

Success in any military marriage doesn’t come from only finding the right person, but in learning to love the person you found!

As the deployment rates continue to climb, marriages and Family coping skills decline. An example of this can be found in a story told of one Airman (Paul) who just returned from war. After being ignored by his wife, Liz, for several days, Paul began to reevaluate his marriage by asking his wife a question:

“Come on Liz, admit it,” he ranted. “You only married me because my granddad left me \$6 million, didn’t you?”

“You really are silly, Paul,” retorted Liz loudly. “I couldn’t care less who left you the money!”

During these summer months several people will

- celebrate their wedding anniversary and vacation with Family. Let’s take the time to look at these 10 Commandments for Success in Military Marriage by Dennis Rainey.
- 1. Be Honest with Your Spouse:** The best relationships are built on pure honesty. Whom else can you depend on to give you an honest perspective on life?
 - 2. Be Unpredictable with Your Spouse:** Life is boring with a predictable spouse ... do something different and fun!
 - 3. Encourage Your Spouse Daily:** Believe in your spouse and remind them of their uniqueness and significance daily!
 - 4. Togetherness in Everything:** Multiply your joys, divide your sorrows and add to your life by going through everything together!
 - 5. Counterbalance Your Spouse:** Slow them down when they’re going too fast and support their vision when they start to doubt.

- 6. Be Understanding of Your Spouse:** The best relationships are built when you walk a mile in your spouse’s shoes.
- 7. Parent Your Children Together:** It took both of you to conceive, make sure both of you take part in raising them!
- 8. Be Romantic!** Share intimate thoughts and feelings through dates, phone calls, cards and letters!
- 9. Control Your Tongue!** Remember, you don’t have to say everything you’re thinking! If you have nothing good to say ... be quiet!
- 10. Pray Together Daily!** Praying together helps you to remember that God is a vital part of your marriage. Remember military marriages will only work if we put work into them!
- Chaplain (Maj.) Warren “Chappy” Watties**
30th Space Wing Chaplain

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EFMP Respite Care: Enhancing the quality of life for caregivers

Starting in July, the Exceptional Family Member Program is standardizing and streamlining the process for delivering respite care to eligible Families in need of support.

The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive, coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical and personnel services to Families with special needs. It is focused on helping these Families find the support and care needed to ensure all their members can thrive.

Respite care is one way EFMP helps to provide support for all Family members-in this case, the caregivers. Caring for a Family member with special needs, especially severe chronic medical conditions, is an around-the-clock job. There may be no end to a caregiver's love, but everyone who shoulders such responsibilities needs a break to rest and recharge. EFMP respite care provides that break. Qualifying Families are eligible for up to 40 hours of respite care a month for each certified Family member.

In an effort to enhance service delivery to EFMP-enrolled Families, IMCOM has revised EFMP respite



The revision includes changes in eligibility criteria and the Family Services Needs Matrix, and online training for EFMP managers and physicians.

care policies and procedures. The revision is effective this month. It includes changes in eligibility criteria and the Family Services Needs Matrix, and online training for EFMP managers and physicians. An EFMP respite care panel will be established at each garrison to review and recommend approval or disapproval of all respite care submissions to the garrison commander, who is the decision authority.

Garrison EFMP Managers are available to provide more detailed information to Families currently receiving respite care. Soldiers or Family members who have questions about it or other EFMP-related services can also visit the EFMP web page at Army One-Source (<http://www.myarmyonesource.com/>).

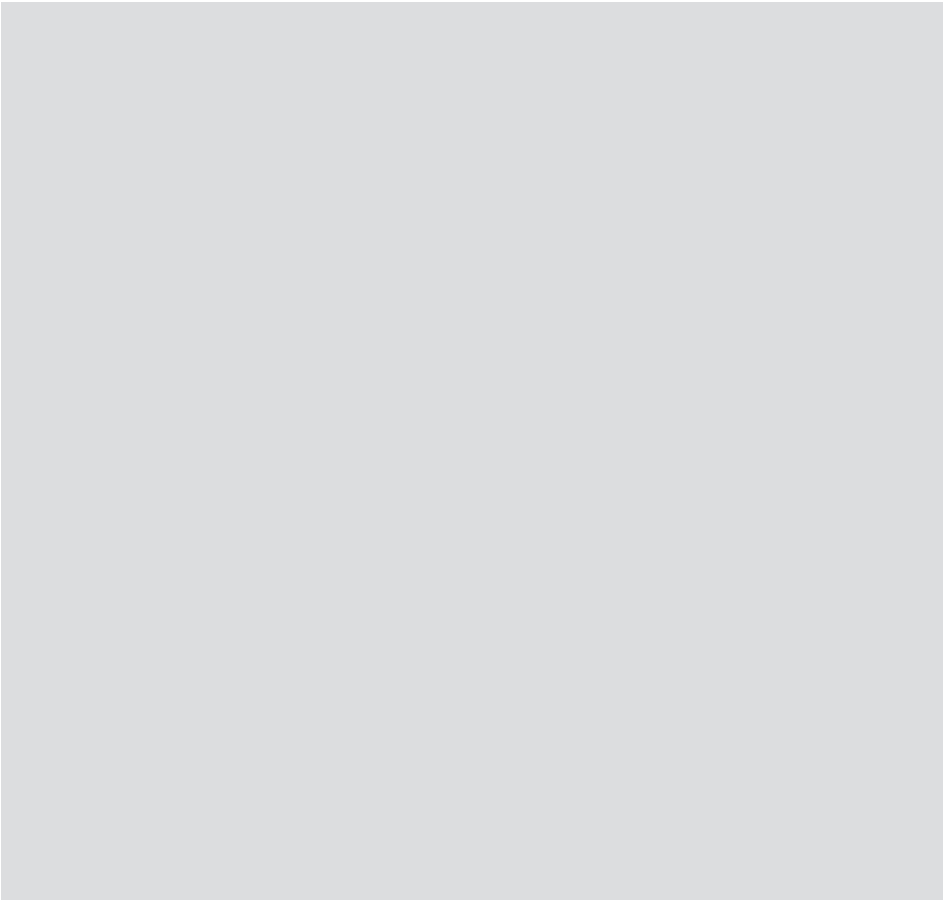
This revision to policy and procedures is part of the Army EFMP Strategic Action Plan to improve services and support for Families with special needs. Also as part of the strategic action plan, at the beginning of this fiscal year EFMP added 43 Systems Navigators, or non-clinical case managers,

at 26 garrisons stateside and overseas to connect Families with required systems of care.

The focus on enhancing the effectiveness of EFMP could not be more important or timely. Important, because the EFMP is one way the Army keeps key promises it made in the Army Family Covenant: providing access to high-quality medical care, educational opportunities and Family programs that foster an environment in which Families can thrive.

Timely, because while the Army's commitment remains as strong as when the covenant was signed in 2007, we are operating in a different fiscal reality in 2011. Just as any Soldier or Family member asks "Is it worth it?" before opening their wallet, we are doing the same, making sure we are using resources as efficiently as possible to provide quality services to Families. Army life poses challenges for any Family, but especially for Families with special needs. It is part of our job, our commitment, to make sure we are delivering the right services in the right way to support the health and well-being of all Family members.

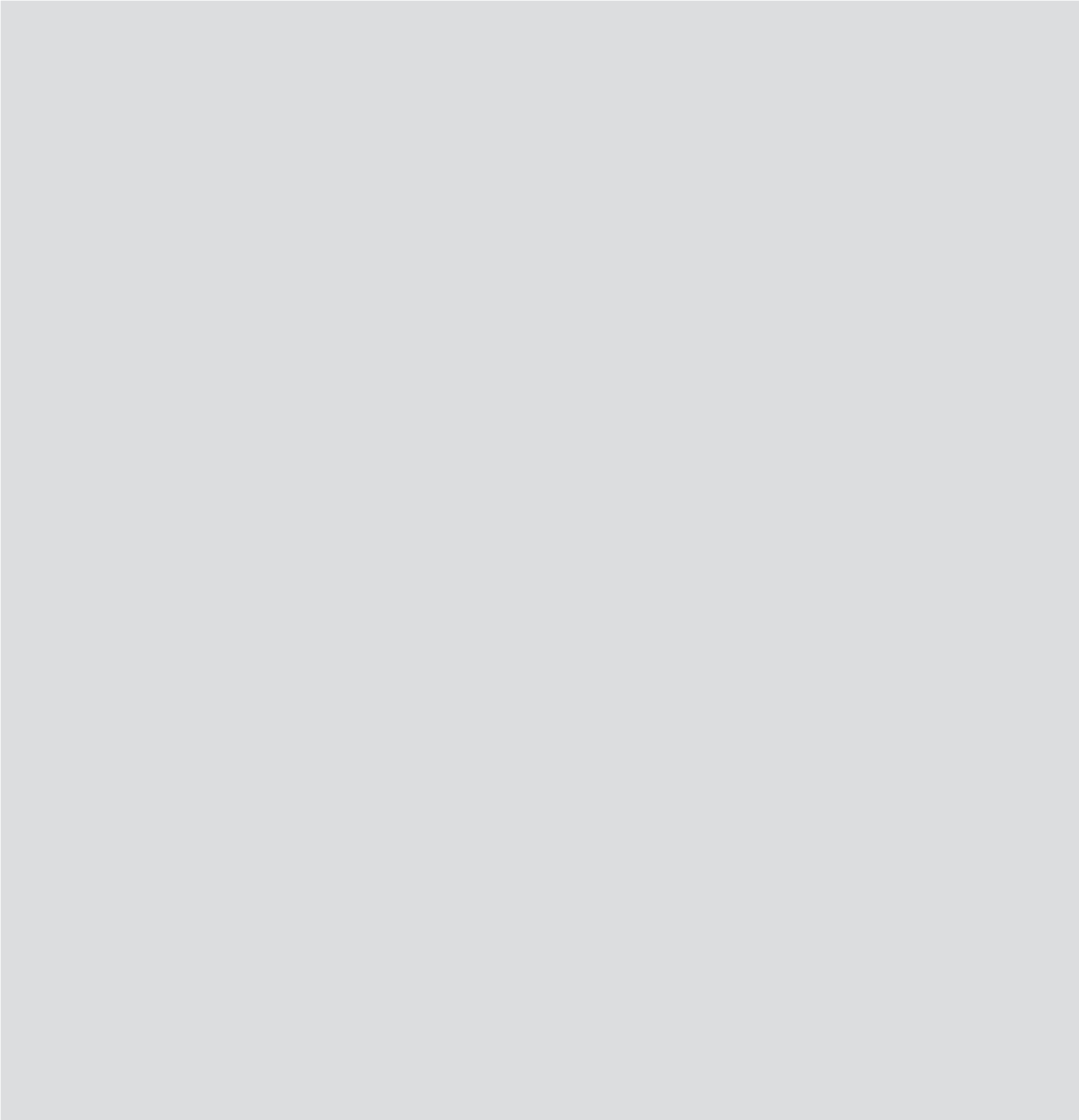
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Out with the old

Maj. Ezra Schiller of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) tosses a worn flag into the fire after replacing it with a new one during the Flag Day Ceremony at VFW Post 5337 in Abingdon June 14. Looking on is Schiller's husband, recently promoted Maj. Gregory McMillion, 22D Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) holding their son Elijah, 2, and other post members. Douglas MacArthur, VFW post commander, and Becky Hanner, Ladies Auxiliary president, hosted the event.

Photo by Linda MacArthur



Photo by Jennifer Carroll, ECBC

Sophomores participating in Cecil County’s STEM summer camp learn about critical components of a crime scene investigation at ECBC and how to extract DNA from strawberries with Research Microbiologist Lauren McNew.

STEM summer camp investigates ‘Crime Scene’ at ECBC

ECBC
Special to the APG News

Workforce members from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center supported Cecil County’s science, technology, engineering and mathematics summer camp with a hands-on forensics experience ‘CSI:Edgewood’ June 21.

Sixteen sophomores from Cecil County’s STEM Academy and their chaperones were presented with the challenge to conduct a fictional forensics investigation based on the lessons they acquired at each ECBC station. Their fictional task consisted of initiating investigative steps to keep their community and nation safe, after told that an unknown compound was discovered in Edgewood.

In an effort to reinforce students’ interest in pursuing STEM career pathways, ECBC subject matter experts that were funded by the National Defense Education Program revealed the importance of their technology area in the process of collecting crucial evidence to solve a criminal case.

Focused to protect U.S. Forces and the nation against chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives threats, ECBC’s workforce are experts at developing science and engineering solutions that can also be applied to legal problems.

First, the group of students stopped at the Center’s Advanced Design and Manufacturing facility where engineers introduced ECBC’s robotics detection and 3D laser scanning capabilities.

They explored how the Robot Recon (R2), a technology combination of robotics and electronic detectors, can lower the risk to Soldiers and first responders when rendering a designated area safe.

ECBC Electrical Engineer Mark Colgan offered them the opportunity to manipulate the R2 and experience its real-world application.

“Allowing remote sensing of hazardous conditions, this advanced technology greatly enhances the individual reconnaissance capabilities of any organization,” said Colgan who helped develop the R2. “During a forensics investigation, it can provide accurate information about the nature and type of hazard to ensure first responders wear appropriate equipment when entering potentially contaminated space.”

Then, Engineering Technicians Ryan Gilley and Samuel Silva demonstrated the application of reverse engineering and 3D laser scanning to create digital models of anything from skeletal remains to tire tracks in Computer-Aided Design.

“The data we can collect with 3D laser scanning allows us to rebuild crime scenes and retrace death causes,” Gil-

ley said. “The center’s rapid prototyping capability enables the creation of physical models based on digital models.”

Under the direction of Research Microbiologist Lauren McNew, students collectively engaged in the scientific process of extracting DNA from strawberries, while adhering to techniques typically performed in a laboratory setting.

“Due to strawberries exhibiting many more DNA copies than humans, their genetic information becomes visible without any special instrumentation,” McNew said. “In criminal cases, samples of crime scene evidence are usually analyzed for the presence of a set of specific DNA markers.”

With electrical engineer Phillip Wilcox, they discovered the use of Raman spectroscopy, a non-destructive technique to identify a wide range of solid and liquid substances. The group practiced how to detect compounds, such as baking soda, caffeine, and acetaminophen with a Raman spectrometer and documented their results accordingly.

“This powerful, analytical tool enables the identification of molecules and has gained popularity with first responders, law enforcement personnel, safety agencies and the military,” Wilcox explained. “It scatters laser light to new wavelengths forming a unique spectral fingerprint that can be used to differentiate and identify chemical and biological materials.”

And at the last station, Cecil County sophomores were immersed in the center’s capability to perform chemical biological operations in a safe, secure and environmentally sound manner. After chemist Jennifer Exelby spoke about critical steps within the sample receipt and triage process, some students simulated the process of handling and screening unknown samples in a glove box.

“As soon as we receive an unknown sample, we conduct a risk assessment to determine where and how the compound should be handled,” Exelby said.”Furthermore, we document the movement of samples through use of a chain of custody for each sample so that we can maintain oversight at all times.”

The real-world forensics experience exposed students to a wide variety of STEM careers and expanded their knowledge of technologies developed at ECBC that can be used in support of a crime scene investigation.

“Words can’t really describe all the amazing things we’ve seen [at ECBC],” said tenth-grade Rising Sun student Josh Wheeler. “This experience was very thought-inducing, and we were able to experience technologies that I have not seen anywhere else thus far.”

MRICD young investigators recognized by professional scientific societies

MRICD

Several young scientists at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense recently received young investigator awards from two separate scientific professional societies at their respective April meetings.

Dr. John Azeke and Joseph Boecker were awarded Albert Kligman Young Investigator Scholarships from the U.S. Technical Symposium of the International Society for Biophysics and Imaging of the Skin, and Dr. Lindsey Hamilton was recognized by the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

Additionally, Hamilton’s presentation at the ASPET’s annual Experimental Biology meeting, held April 9-13 in Washington, D.C., won first place in the Division of Behavioral Pharmacology poster competition.

Both young investigator awards recognize scientists with no more than five years of experience in their fields. The abstract submitted to the meeting is also used to select recipients of the ISBS scholarship, while ASPET additionally looks at the investigator’s related research interests and publication record.

Both Azeke and Boecker presented podium lectures at the symposium’s meeting in Tampa, FL., April 6-9, which qualified them for the award. Azeke’s presentation was entitled “Multivariate validation of injury consistency in an established swine model for cutaneous sulfur mustard exposures,” while Boecker’s lecture discussed “the examination of nitric oxide-accelerated wound healing by laser Doppler perfusion imaging of percutaneous sulfur mustard lesions.”

As scholarship recipients, Azeke and Boecker had most of the cost of attending the symposium covered by the society and also received one-year of complimentary full membership into the society, which includes a one-year subscription to the official journal of ISBS, Skin Research and Technology.

Hired in 2009, Azeke earned his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering from the University of Florida in 2007. He serves as co-investigator with Dr. Ernest Braue Jr., in the institute’s Medical Toxicology Branch, on three research grants funded by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency to develop and field maximally effective treatment regimens for chemical warfare agent (CWA) and toxic industrial chemical (TIC) casualties. In his research, Azeke uses a variety of non-destructive and non-invasive bioengineering tools, to include infrared analysis, ultrasonography, colorimetry, ballistometry, image analysis, evaporimetry, and clinical evaluation, to develop comprehensive physiological models of CWA injury.

Boecker worked as an intern at MRICD while earning his bachelor’s in biomedical engineering from Northwestern University, which he received in 2003. He returned to MRICD in 2009 to work for Braue, and in 2010 transferred to the Physiology and Immunology Branch to work for Capt. Robert



Azeke

Dr. John Azeke developed a novel multivariate analytical method for evaluating injury and wound healing and performed an objective validation of MRICD’s established superficial dermal HD injury model.



Boecker

Using his expertise in state-of-the-art bioengineering techniques and instrumentation, Joseph Boecker evaluated improved treatment strategies being developed by MRICD scientists for healing sulfur mustard wounds and compiled the data for the laser Doppler portion of the study.

Dr. Lindsey Hamilton applies her knowledge of neuroscience and behavioral testing to assess the safety and efficacy of chemical warfare nerve agent medical countermeasures.

Photos by Darrell Jesonis, MRICD



Brodnick on his protocol studying the effects of topical nitric oxide treatment regimens in cutaneous sulfur mustard and thermal injuries. Braue and Azeke are also co-investigators on this project.

“I am very proud of my team members being recognized by this scholarship award,” said Braue, who was one of the main organizers of the Symposium and served as the Scientific Program chairman.

“They have both made essential contributions to meeting the goals of this project by developing improved treatment strategies for healing sulfur mustard wounds,” he continued. “Their expertise in biomedical engineering techniques and data analysis has greatly accelerated our progress, and I congratulate them and all my team members for a job well done.”

Braue also had other members of his team, Roy Railer and Robert Stevenson, present a poster entitled “Comparison of hair removal methods prior to sulfur mustard exposure” at the symposium.

Hamilton earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience from Wake Forest University School of Medicine in 2010 and has been employed at MRICD for a little under a year, working with Dr. Todd Myers in the Neurobehavioral Toxicology Branch. Myers’s team conducts behavioral studies, using sensitive, objective, and automated tests of operant and respondent conditioning, to assess the safety and efficacy of chemical warfare nerve agent medical countermeasures in a variety of species.

“Lindsey’s professionalism and scholarship are great assets to our research program,” said Myers. “I am proud of her accomplishments at the MRICD in such a short period of time, and I predict that her expertise in nonhuman primate behavioral testing, coupled with her background in neuroscience, will allow her to continue to make significant contributions to our medical chemical defense research program.”

Her first-place poster presentation, co-authored by Andrew J. Bonvillain and Myers, was entitled “Time Course, Safety, and Efficacy of Reversible Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors in Cynomolgus Macaques.”

For the Young Investigator Award, Hamilton received a certificate and monetary prize. The Behavioral Pharmacology Division Best Abstract Award consisted of a certificate, a monetary prize and the opportunity for Hamilton to serve on the Executive Committee for the Behavioral Pharmacology Division, which selects symposium topics and speakers for next year’s meeting. Criteria for the poster award included research positions held by the first author, past awards and honors, professional society memberships and publication record, as well as the written, oral, and visual presentation of the poster and the significance of the research.

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***Decisions,
decisions ...***

Customers look over an assortment of purses and accessories on display during the Celebrate Summer Bazaar at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center June 22 and 23. More than 30 vendors displayed their wares at the event which is fast becoming a seasonal mainstay for APG shoppers.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

Survey suggests Army focus on improving leader development

By **ROB MCILVAINE**
Army News Service

The results of a recent survey indicate that Army leaders are seen as effective on a wide range of criteria, but that leadership development has not been receiving the attention that it once did at the unit level.

“Unit leader development appears to be less of a priority,” said John Steele at the Center for Army Leadership, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Steele is the project lead for CAL’s Annual Survey of Army Leadership, known as CASAL.

The latest CASAL, completed during November and December, had more than 22,000 Army leaders respond -- sergeants to colonels -- from both the active and reserve components.

Army leaders who reported their unit/organization placed a high priority on leader development was at an all-time low of 46 percent (compared to 53 percent in 2009 and 55 percent in 2008).

No time for OPD

“If an individual is not getting leader development in the field, not seeing it as a priority, and the classroom is not effective in teaching leaders how to develop subordinates, then we need to figure out how to improve this.” Steele said, adding that the current operations tempo has affected the time and attention that can be devoted to professional development.

Only 57 percent of Army leaders reported that they have time to carry out the duties and responsibilities for developing subordinates. This was down from 63 percent in 2009.

Gauging Army’s pulse

“A real value of CASAL is the detection of shifts or changes over time, since it is often the changes that occur gradually that can end up being the really big problem,” Steele said.

This latest CASAL, completed during November and December of 2010, is an on-going effort by the Center for Army Leadership and the Combined Arms Center to assess Army leader attitudes on leader development, the quality of leadership, and the contribution of leadership to mission accomplishment.

“These perceptions not only affect behavior, learning processes, and learning outcomes, but ultimately and most importantly, mission accomplishment. We are constantly updating, changing, and utilizing what we learn about leader attitudes to maintain an accurate pulse of how leaders see their Army,” said Steele.

From year to year the survey responses overall are more positive than negative, yet the Army desires to detect and act on initial signs of issues.

NCOs see discipline issue

Only 38 percent of respondents of the latest survey agreed that, “The Army is headed in the right direction to prepare for the challenges of the next 10 years.” The number one explanation was a perception of a “lack of discipline” or that the “Army is too soft.”

While 74 percent of junior noncommissioned officers selected lack of discipline as a reason, only 35 percent of company-grade officers did. Members of deployable units selected lack of discipline more often than leaders serving in the generating force.

This item was a follow-up to qualitative feedback obtained in 2006. Comments claimed the Army has become “soft” and discipline and respect are not instilled in new recruits. Some of the comments cited lowered entrance standards, such as physical fitness.

Toxic leaders?

About one-fourth of Army leaders responding to the survey said they believe that honest mistakes are held against them in their unit/organization. Nearly one-third believed that their unit/organization promotes a zero-defect mentality.

About one in five Army leaders reported that their immediate superior demonstrates some negative leadership behavior. Four out of five Army leaders (83 percent) reported they observed a leader who demonstrated toxic leadership behavior in the past year.

However, almost all (97 percent) also reported that they observed an extraordinary leader in the past year.

Data has many uses

Information collected in the CASAL provides research guidance for policy decisions and program development, Steele said

The bottom line, he said, is that CASAL findings inform diverse groups or consumers of information and are applied to a wide range of products, such as informing the Army Influence Trainer, FM 6-22, and various handbooks and training packages, as well as connections to areas with a broader focus, such as human dimension and providing baseline information for Comprehensive Soldier Fitness.

“CASAL allows us to see how the Army is doing in leader development, is a tracking and management tool to know what the field thinks, and empowers the field by providing opportunity for direct feedback,” Steele said.

“It is a best business practice, and results in a database used for senior leader queries, such as broadening task force, effectiveness of Captains Career Course and MSAF,” explained Steele, adding that the Multi-Source Assessment and Feedback, or MSAF, Army 360-degree program is widely used, has been well-received and is showing positive results.

This year was the first year CASAL examined the MSAF program in-depth and found its effectiveness is improved by increasing program engagement such as sharing results with others, and using the pool of trained coaches.

Range of data

More than 100 items in this year’s survey covered topics on the quality of leadership and leader development. Responses were both quantitative (select a response) and qualitative (a brief typed answer).

“Survey items assess ongoing and current issues such as the work environment, trust, unit effectiveness, ethics, leader development in units, institutional education, self development, leader development practices, workload, Soldier care, and subordinate development, leadership quality, leader attributes and competencies, toxic leadership, officer/NCO dynamic, leadership at combat training centers, deployment preparation, leader effectiveness while deployed, satisfaction in the Army, retention and commitment “ Steele said.

Each year items have been dropped, added, or modified in order to balance survey size and respondent fatigue/time required, with the need to cover a wide range of topical leadership issues.

Focus on command climate

“This year there was more focus on command climate. In addition, a more extensive exploration of PME (professional military education) was conducted with particular emphasis on course attendance, course relevancy and being up-to-date and transferring course content back to the job,” Steele said.

CASAL is a reliable source because a rigorous scientific approach -- based, in part, on a large random representative sample and high precision -- is used for survey development, data collection, and data analysis. This year’s survey had a response rate of 16.1 percent. This strong participation in the CASAL provides an overall sampling error of plus or minus .6 percent.

“What sets CASAL apart is the longevity of the data collection effort which allows for trend analysis as well as truly being a representative sample,” Steele said.

“CASAL is another way for the Army to see itself and be made aware of the problems in leadership and leader development that matter most to the field,” Steele said.

For more information on the Center for Army Leadership including, interactive training products and copies of recent CASAL reports, visit: <http://usacac.army.mil/CAC2/digitalpublications.asp#CAL>

For archived reports and other Army research, visit: <http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/announcements/DOAC.html>.



Go to <http://ice.disa.mil>.
Click on “ARMY” then
“Aberdeen Proving Ground.”

CID eyes possible fraud at Arlington



Photo by Rob McIlvaine

Chris Grey, chief of Public Affairs, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command in Quantico, Va., announces joint investigation with FBI into possible fraud at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Two of the three sets of those remains have been re-interred at the family’s request.

“With the assistance of a forensic anthropologist, one set of the eight cremated remains was positively identified as an unknown and will remain as such. And after extensive efforts, CID has determined that the other three sets of remains, unfortunately, cannot be identified.

“CID is still investigating and working hard to determine the identity of one set of remaining cremated remains,” Grey said.

The discovery of multiple urns in one grave, he said, has been determined by an assistant U.S. attorney as not constituting a criminal violation.

“But our investigations are still open,” he said.

More recently, though, 69

boxes of records related to ANC were found in a storage facility in Falls Church, Va.

“Sixty-eight boxes were duplicate copies of existing records and Army CID kept one box containing contract-related information. At this point, CID does not have any indication that the contents of those boxes are linked to any criminality or breach of contract and is not related to any ongoing contract inquiry,” Grey said.

CID, he said, along with the senior Army leadership - - to include the secretary of the Army and the new cemetery management -- takes these issues very seriously and are fully committed to investigating all allegations and evidence that might come to light concerning the “nation’s most hallowed ground.”

Asked how long the inves-

tigation will take, Grey said, “This investigation will go wherever the leads take us (and we won’t stop) until we get to the truth.”

Arlington National Cemetery has been fully operational since May 1864 and currently conducts an average of 27 funerals each workday.

One year ago, an investigation by the Army Inspector General revealed several issues that the new leadership team has addressed.

Since then the cemetery management has employed new chain of custody procedures, implemented a financial management system and contracting process, rebuilt the workforce, overhauled the automated interment scheduling system and improved the facilities and infrastructure on the grounds of the cemetery.

Proving Ground celebrates its retirees

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The program closed with a standing ovation for the retirees and the playing of the Army Medley and Army Song.

Lt. Col. Joseph B. Hines, 20th SUPCOM

Hines was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and a U.S. flag. His wife, Maryanne Hines received a DA Certificate of Appreciation. Hines retires Aug. 31 with 24 years of service.

A native of Boscobel, Wis., Hines joined the Army in 1987. He served five overseas tours in Germany, Japan, Korea, Johnston Atoll and Iraq as well as at Fort Campbell, Ky. His past awards include the Army Commendation and Achievement medals, the Air Assault and Airborne badges and Ranger Tab.

Hines holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse and a master's from the University of Oklahoma. He plans to move to Madison, Wisconsin.

Lt. Col. Louis J. Snowden II, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

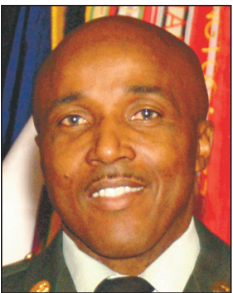
Snowden was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal, Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, DA Certificate of Retirement and a U.S. flag. Snowden retires Aug. 1 after 21 years of service. A 1990 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Snowden began his career as an Armor officer before transferring to the Ordnance Corps. His past assignments include South Korea, Kuwait, Germany, Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Lee, Va., and West Point. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Army Commendation and Army Achievement medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service medals.



Hines



Snowden



Wallace



Cast



Robinson

1st Sgt. Rohan S. Wallace, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

Wallace was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, DA Certificate of Retirement and a U.S. flag. His wife Angela received the DA Certificate of Appreciation. Wallace retires Oct. 1 with 26 years of service. A native of Christiansted St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Wallace enlisted in the Army in 1985. He served five overseas tours; on each in Korea and Germany and three tours in Iraq. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation and Achievement medals, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, South West Asia and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and service medals. His future plans include traveling and pursuing government employment.

Michael E. Cast, DTC

Cast was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award, DA Certificate of Retirement and U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Certificate of Appreciation signed by Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco. His wife Rosemarie also received the ATEC Certificate of Appreciation. Cast retired May 31 with 33 years of service.

A native of Tucson, Ariz., Cast enlisted in the Army in 1973 and served until 1976 as a Multichannel Communications Equipment Operator. He graduated

from Arizona State University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in Journalism. He returned to Germany with his spouse and served on numerous armed forces news publications in Europe and in the U.S. as writer, photographer or editor. Cast began his career at APG with the former U.S. Army Environmental Center. His positions since then include editor, command information team leader and public affairs specialist. Cast's retirement plans include pursuing photography as a hobby and traveling to Arizona and Germany.

Elaine Robinson, DFMWR, APG North Child Development Center

Robinson was awarded the DA Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Certificate of Appreciation and Certificate of Retirement signed by Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander. Her husband Glenn Robinson received the APG Certificate of Appreciation. Robinson retired June 30 with 17 years of service. A North Carolina native, Robinson became a military spouse after high school in 1975 and worked at several locations as a child Family Child Care provider and teacher's aide until her husband's retirement after 21 years of service. She began her federal career at APG in 1994 at the Aberdeen Area CDC. Some of her accomplishments include serving a vital

role in the center receiving accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children and earning her Child Development Associate credentials.

Robinson plans to travel and enjoy her Family and hobbies.

Warren L. Tull, DFMWR, Family Lodging

Tull (not pictured) was awarded the DA Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Certificate of Appreciation and Certificate of Retirement signed by Ortiz. Tull retired May 31 with 25 years of service, 16 at APG.

Tull is a native of the Bronx, N.Y. After graduating from high school in 1963, he served two years in the Marine Corps and then studied in Liberal Arts at Columbia University. He moved to Maryland in 1985 and began working for Army Lodging at APG on the custodial staff in 1996.

Tull was instrumental in APG Lodging's selection as Lodging Operation of the Year in 1998, 2002 and 2008. He was known for always remembering his coworker's birthdays by giving them Snickers candy. The Mars chocolate company found out and gave Tull an official letter of recognition for his kindness to his coworkers along with several bags of their product.

Tull plans to continue volunteering in his church and community.

Shoe drive extended through July 15

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Sgt. 1st Class Keyana Washington spearheaded the shoe drive after seeing the bins at her son's school. Washington said she just can't imagine living without shoes but she knows there are people around the world living in extreme poverty who know all too well what it's like to live without shoes, or without a decent pair shoes.

She said the shoe drive attracted her because she wanted to give back, but also because it was a unique opportunity.

"You often see clothes and food drives," said Washington, "but shoe drives are rare. And shoes are just one of those things we take for granted, but they're very important to people who don't have them.

According to the Shoes 2 Share website, more than 300 million pairs of shoes are thrown away each year, and millions more lay unworn in closets and under beds in homes.

Washington placed collection bins

outside of the health clinics at APG North and APG South, and within weeks, she said she had collected 150 pairs, much more than she anticipated.

"But knowing how generous the staff is here I am not surprised," she said. "This shoe drive just goes with what we do here at Kirk, which is to take care of the health of others."

The project has been so successful, said Washington, that she is extending the shoe drive until the two remaining bins are filled.

All types of shoes and sizes are needed. For more information, call Washington at 410-278-1887.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is an Army-wide non-commissioned officers club that frequently supports the military and local community through service projects.

For more information, visit www.audiemurphy.com/samc.htm.



Photo by Rachel Ponder

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Sgt. 1st Class Keyana Washington (pictured here with a shoe bin) is spearheading a shoe drive hosted by the clinic's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Transportation greatest challenge for APG

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When BRAC is complete, about 22,000 civilians and military personnel will work at APG. In addition, there is space for up to 8,000 contractors at the Government and Technology Enterprise Enhanced Use Lease area, known as GATE, at the Route 715 gate.

"In all of our bases that have moved from predominantly uniformed military to a civilian workforce, you have to go back to the Army to adjust," Via said. "What can we do according to the regulations?"

Among APG's challenges because of BRAC are transportation infrastructure, daycare centers, recreation facilities and dining options.

"What do we do for our civilian workforce? That's one of our challenges," Justice said. "The workforce here is primarily civilian, and I should be able to provide those services to them."

APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz said his team is addressing these issues.

The installation used \$44 million in stimulus funds from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for quality-of-life improvements, including renovations to Kirk Health Clinic, Dental Clinic, Hoyle Gymnasium, APG Athletic Center and Aberdeen Area Fitness Center.

APG will open a new Child Development Center in December, and Top of

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the Bay's \$3.4 million renovation will be complete in October, Ortiz said. The Post Theater re-opened in February after a \$1.8 million renovation.

UFood Grill and Tim Hortons will bring new food choices.

Transportation remains APG's greatest challenge resulting from BRAC, said Col. Andrew Nelson, deputy APG commander for transformation. BRAC will bring about 8,000 new commuters.

"We have over 200 people who already taking mass-transit options. That's a shift in mindset of workers," Nelson said.

APG is pushing for increased MARC and Amtrak service to APG to make it a better commuter option, Nelson said. He is also trying to add local and express bus service directly onto APG to support commuters without rail access.

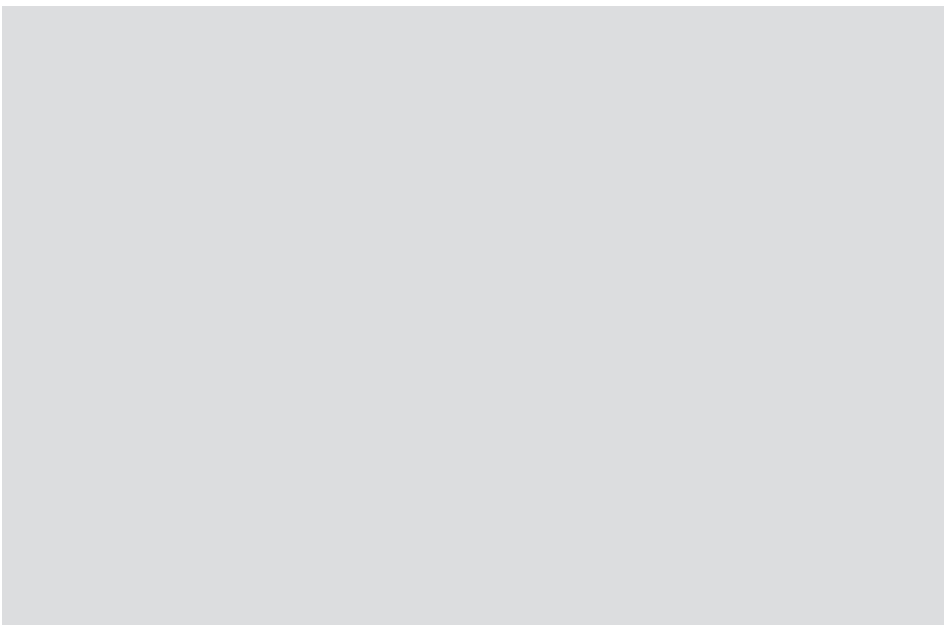
"Public transportation has never been an option here in the past. It's a cultural change," Justice said.

Nelson noted that despite Maryland's \$42.6 million project at the intersection

of U.S. 40 and Maryland 715, unfunded road projects near APG total \$100 million.

Ortiz said BRAC construction is complete except for the headquarters of Army Test and Evaluation Command and Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense. The Army has spent about \$1 billion for new construction and renovations.

Via also visited Communications' Electronics Command and Edgewood Chemical Biological Center during his two-day visit to APG.



FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

New York City day trip July 16

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours of shopping in New York City July 16. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$46 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart from Mountain Road Park and Ride at 7:55 a.m. For information on New York City, visit www.nyc-tour.com.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Universal Studios discount tickets

Universal Orlando® Resort is proud to offer a discount ticket program to all active duty, retired military and department of defense personnel. All Universal Studio tickets must be purchased at least 3 weeks before the trip.

Universal Studios includes two theme parks, non-stop nightlife and more all in one convenient location. At Universal CityWalk® enjoy the best in restaurants, nightclubs, shopping and movies.

For more information, call 410-278-4011 for price breakdown.

APG Team Paintball Tournament

Do you enjoy extreme sports? If so, gather up your friends and form a three-man paintball team for the APG Shoot Out 3 Versus 3 Paintball Tournament 11:15 a.m. July 30 at Shore Park.

Navigate, strategize and compete in our inflatable paintball “Mega Dome.” First and second place teams receive medals and the winning team photo will be featured in the trophy case at Outdoor Recreation. Music, games and refreshments will be available. (Paintballs will not be real paint. Pellets only).

Team entry fee is \$20 for pre-registration. Registration starts 11:15 a.m. with a tournament start time at noon. Teams may also register before July 30 by calling 410-278-4124/5789.

Movies under the stars

Enjoy a fun family night out free of charge. Pre-movie festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and include games, a deejay and karaoke. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. or at dusk. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Food and refreshments

will also be available for purchase.

Movies include:

July 8, Harry Potter, APG North (Aberdeen) Shore Park

July 22, Karate Kid (2010), EA Bay-side Pool

Aug. 5, Happy Feet, AA Shore Park

For more information, call 410-278-4124

Staying Connected with Your Teen

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will present “Staying Connected with Your Teen.” It is an exciting time for parents and teens as they develop into young men and women. Along with the excitement there may be some growing pains such as, “I can’t control my child,” or “My child is rejecting me.” This class is intended to help parents let loose without letting go as their teens transition from children to adults. The class uses the “Social Development Strategy Model.” The model is designed to help parents guide their teens toward healthy behavior by establishing healthy beliefs and clear standards and helping parents to provide opportunities, skills, recognition, and nurture their individual characteristics as a means to help them bond with the Family, community, school and peer group. Childcare is available.

“Staying Connected with Your Teen” will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 30. The class will be held at the ACS Bldg. 2503 Highpoint Road, Room 123.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-7478.

APG Fitness Center closure

The APG Fitness Center, Bldg. 320, will be closed through Labor Day weekend. Work to install a new air conditioning system with duct work, expanded shower and locker rooms, new flooring and entrance area will be done. Call 410-278-9725.

Hoyle Gymnasium closure

The court side of Hoyle Gymnasium, Bldg. E4210 will be closed through Labor Day for fire suppression system installation, ceiling repair work and expansion of the second floor area. During the time the court side is closed, fitness classes will be relocated to the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, Bldg. E4140. NOTE: small areas of the fitness center side will be disrupted at times for fire suppression installation. Call 410-436-7134.

Weather damages Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park will not open as earlier promoted due to maintenance issues and effects of severe weather over the last six months. The go cart track, mini golf and batting cage maintenance will be assessed over the summer. It will be determined if it is cost effective to open the park in 2012. For more information, call 410-278-4124.

Discount Aquarium tickets

The Leisure Travel Office offers discount tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Adult tickets cost \$23.25 per person; tickets for children ages 3 to 11 cost \$17.50; active duty tickets cost \$19 each and are issued one per active duty ID card only. Tickets do not include the dolphin show or the 4D Theater, but are upgradeable at the aquarium. Take an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of water and the beauty of the natural world.

Watch brilliantly colored triggerfish explore a coral reef. Marvel as sharks glide through the shadowy depths just an arm’s length away.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Single father books available

Army Community Service cares about the single fathers in the community and recognizes the unique challenges that many single fathers, including those whose wives are deployed, encounter. ACS has purchased “The Complete Single Father.” It includes chapters on communicating effectively with kids, making your house a home and parenting styles. Stop by ACS 2503 High Point Rd, Room 123, to pick up your copy. Supplies are limited.

Medieval Times discount tickets available through Leisure Travel

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md. Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available

upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Personal Training

APG Sports Branch is offering personal training programs. All active duty military and Family members, DoD civilians and family members, and DoD contractors are eligible.

Training is offered at the athletic center, fitness center and Hoyle Gym to assist customers in meeting their personal fitness needs. The program is offered in individual half-hour and one-hour sessions and blocks of sessions. Individual half-hour sessions cost \$40 each; one-hour sessions cost \$55 each. Blocks of six half-hour sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$200; blocks of six sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$275

Contact the athletic center or Hoyle Gym for details.

Luray Caverns discount

Take a spin through time, 400 million years worth to be exact, to discover the amazing history of these unearthly caverns. Tickets cost \$18.25 for adults 13 years and older; tickets for children ages 3 to 12 cost \$9.25. Luray Caverns is located on 970 Highway 211 West, Luray, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. Prices are subject to change without notice. Visit <http://www.luraycaverns.com/PlanyourVisit/AboutLurayCaverns/tabid/507/Default.aspx>. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Board horses at APG Stables

The APG stables are a self-care boarding facility located in the Edgewood Area, Bldg. E5286, for privately owned horses of military and civilian employees, retirees and Family members.

All patrons must have a valid military or installation ID card.

Monthly stall fees include:

- Four turn-out pastures
- Lighted riding arena
- Water troughs in each pasture
- Run-in sheds
- Barn with water and electricity
- Tack rooms, grain room and hay storage provided

For more information or to sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/stables.html.

Post pools open, swim lessons available

The post pools are open to all Department of Defense identification card-holders and their guests. For more information, call 410-278-4124.

Aberdeen Area

Olympic Swimming Pool, Bldg. 3325

- Daily operation: through Sept. 2
- Child, Youth and School Service Day Camp 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday and Friday, thru Aug. 18
- Open swim: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Lap swim lane available 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through Sept. 2
- Swim lessons, 1 to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, through Aug. 12
- Weekend operation schedule: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Labor Day weekend: Sept. 3 thru 5, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Closes Monday, Sept. 5

Shore Pool, Bldg. 2031

- Daily operation: through Sept. 5, 11:30 to 7 p.m.
- Lap swim lane available 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., through Sept. 4
- Weekend operation schedule: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Labor Day weekend: Sept. 3 through 5, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Closes Monday, Sept. 5

Edgewood Area

Bayside Swimming Pool, Bldg. E4655

- Daily operation: through Sept. 5
- Morning swim: 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., through Sept. 2
- Child, Youth and School Service Day Camp, 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday and Friday, through Aug. 18
- Swim lessons: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Open swim: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Labor Day weekend: Sept. 3 through 5, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Closes Monday, Sept. 5

Pool pass fees

Daily passes

- Daily\$5
- Under 5Free
- Guest of eligible patron\$9

- 5 and under (guest)\$2
- Active duty and immediate Family members Free
- Lap swim\$2

30-day pass

- Individual\$35
- Family\$70

Season passes

- Individual\$85
- Family\$175

Swimming lessons will be offered in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas. Lessons cost \$50 per person for the first session and \$45 for each additional member of the same Family. There will be a 10 percent discount for each additional session.

Swimming Lessons

Olympic Pool

Monday through Thursday, through June 30

- 1 to 2 p.m., level 1 and 2
- 2 to 3 p.m., level 3 and 4
- July 11 through 22
- 1 to 2 p.m., level 1 and 2
- 2 to 3 p.m., level 3 and 4
- July 25 through 29
- Adult lessons, 6 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Parent/Toddler, 6:30 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday

- Aug. 1 through 12
- 1 to 2 p.m., level 1 and 2
- 2 to 3 p.m., level 3 and 4

Bayside Pool

Monday through Thursday, through June 30

- 9 to 10 a.m., level 1 and 2
- 10 to 11 a.m., level 3 and 4
- July 11 through 22
- 9 to 10 a.m., level 1 and 2
- 10 to 11 a.m., level 3 and 4
- Aug. 1 through 12
- 9 to 10 a.m., level 1 and 2
- 10 to 11 a.m., level 3 and 4

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://www.armycivilianservice.com> or check out AAF-ES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.



July bowling specials

• Early Bird Special: Bowl for one hour for \$1 per game from 7 to 9 a.m. Includes shoe rental.

• Each Friday, 6 to 10 p.m., bowl one game for \$0.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$34 (Up to six people). Includes shoe rental.

Bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday

to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

New hours for summer

Effective through September, The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday; the Bowling Center will be closed on Sundays. Holiday hours will be announced at a later date.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Lunch delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of July 5

Special #1: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.75

Special #2: Veal Parmesan on a Bowler Burger Roll with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Week of July 11

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.50.

Special #2: Kielbasa with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Post Shorts

Gate 24 closure delayed

The closure of 24 Gate in Edgewood has been rescheduled to July 22. The gate will remain open for normal operation until the closure. Please continue to follow the *APG News* and other sources of public information for details concerning the closure.

For more information about BRAC and Transformation on APG, visit <http://transformation.apg.army.mil>, email APGTransformationOfc@conus.army.mil or call 410-278-0915.

Road closure in the Aberdeen Area

Beginning on June 27 and lasting until August 1, Bel Air Street will be closed at both the north and south sides of Aberdeen Blvd. APG Motorists are asked to use Frankford Street or Swan Creek Drive as alternate routes off of and onto Aberdeen Blvd during this closure.

This information is provided by the APG Transformation Office. If you have any questions or would like more information about BRAC and Transformation on APG, please visit our website at <http://transformation.apg.army.mil> or contact the Transformation Office at 410-278-0915.

Rate your community's health

Aberdeen Proving Ground has established the Community Health Promotion Council to look at the services currently provided, identify areas of opportunity for improvements, and work collaboratively with community partners to enhance our community health.

The council will provide a comprehensive approach to health promotion for all members of the APG community -- individuals and organizations -- and will work toward identifying and meeting the physical, emotional, spiritual, social and environmental needs of our APG community.

APG's active duty troops, Family members, retirees, DoD civilians, and contract employees are encouraged to participate in the community needs assessment survey, which will be distributed via email and accessible online at www.apg.army.mil.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield visits July 12

A claim representative from the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield will visit APG July 12 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 314, Room 151E, and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. E4520, Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, to discuss claim problems and coverage. No appointment is necessary.

Call Teri Wright at 410-278-4331.

ACS Birthday July 21

Army Community Service will celebrate its 46th birthday at Shore Pool Picnic Area with a cookout, children's activities, bouncy house and open swimming at the Shore Pool. Free tickets available at ACS, Bldg. 2503, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is open to the APG community. Call 410-278-7572/4372 or email Diana.k.hayes.civ@mail.mil. Last day to pick up tickets is July 15.

RecruitMilitary Career Expo in Philadelphia July 28

RecruitMilitary.com, in cooperation with The American Legion will hold a free hiring event for veterans who already have civilian work experience, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard and military spouses, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 28 at Lincoln Financial Field (home of the Philadelphia Eagles), located on 1020 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. More than 30 veteran-friendly organizations are expected to be on site with employment, franchise, and educational opportunities. Dress for success, bring plenty of resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews or applications.

For more information or to register as a job seeker, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

Kirk SAMC members collecting shoes

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club members of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic are sponsoring a shoe drive. To donate new or gently used shoes, drop them off at one of the bins at the clinic entrance. All sizes and types welcome. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Keyana Washington at 410-278-1887 or keyana.washington@us.army.mil for information.

Motorcycle safety card waived

The requirement for civilians to provide a MSF card to enter the installation will be waived for the next 90 days. During the 90-day period the Safety Team will attempt to identify training resources to support the training of military Family members, civilians, retirees and contractors. Active-duty military must present valid MSF cards at the gate. For more information, contact the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

CYSS waiting list reminder

Sponsors who currently have their child(ren) on the Child, Youth and School Services waiting list are reminded to update their information and contact the Parent Central Registration Office every 90 days to remain active on the list. Fail-

Send newspaper submissions to new email address

Due to ongoing issues with the recent DISA migration, community members are asked to send all submissions for the APG News to adriane.foss@us.army.mil, and CC the editor-apg@conus.army.mil address. Type APG NEWS SUBMISSION in the Subject Line. You should receive a response within three business days letting you know that the submission has been received. If you do not receive a response, please call 410-278-1150 to inquire.

ure to do so will result in the inability to contact the sponsor should a space become available as well as automatic removal from the list. Sponsors can send an email every 90 days to judy.bennett2@us.army.mil, chrissy.keithley@us.army.mil, or kathy.guiliano@us.army.mil.

Sponsors who prefer to contact Parent Central by phone may call 410-278-7479/7571/2572 to update their status and information.

Good Shepherd accepting applications

Good Shepherd Catholic School in Perryville is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. The school provides a safe and nurturing learning environment for a faith-based education for grades Pre-K to 8. We offer small class sizes, before- and after-school care and a strong tradition of academic excellence. Good Shepherd is accredited through the Middle States Commission. Tuition assistance is available. We invite you to call or stop by and visit at 800 Aiken Ave., Perryville, MD 21903. For more information, visit www.goodshepherdschool.net or call 410-642-6265.

Reserve a picnic area

All installation activities, units and the public can make reservations for the upcoming spring and summer.

Picnic areas include

Shore Park in the Aberdeen Area, just off Aberdeen Boulevard and Frankford Street. It is the largest picnic and recreation area.

Woodpecker Point in the Aberdeen Area is located at Spesutie Island Road. This picnic area is medium sized holding up to 200 people and may be split.

Kipper's Point is located in the Edgewood Area at Skipper's Point Road. It is a smaller picnic area located near the water.

Aberdeen Proving Ground's picnic areas can be used for large events, including organization days, Family reunions, retirement parties and more.

Picnic sponsors must submit a roster of non-ID card visitors' names no later than two weeks in advance of picnic date. All invited visitors must stop at the visi-

tor's center by turning right onto the road entrance for the Ruggles Golf Course.

All adults and youths 16 and older must present a valid photo ID. An FMWR representative will use roster to check in visitors attending picnic. Any visitor not on the roster must follow visitor entrance procedures. For information or reservations, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124.

Register now for MSA degree

Central Michigan University offers a master of science in administration degree at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The MSA degree provides a solid core of management skills and a choice of four concentrations to include Human Resources, General Administration, Public Administration, or Information Resource Management. Registration for fall session is being accepted. Programs are offered to the entire APG community. CMU is a fully accredited university. Alternate week-end classes available. Degree completion takes two years or less. No graduate management admission test or graduate record exam required. Credit available for prior learning. Online option available. Call 410-272-1532, 703-525-4971 or email aberdeen.center@cmich.edu.

Thrift Shop closes Saturdays

The APG Thrift Shop will be closed on the first Saturday of the month until further notice. Regular store hours remain: Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with consignments from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

From pots and pans to sporting goods, clothing, toys, furniture, jewelry and more, the Thrift Shop is a one-stop shop for serviceable second-hand goods. Proceeds go back to APG. Call 410-272-8572.



MORE ONLINE

More shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.

Community Notes

TUESDAY
JULY 5 THROUGH
AUGUST 9
SAT PREP FOR MATH

Harford Community College, 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air will hold SAT preparations for math 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in Fallston Hall, Room 201. Review math skills and test-taking strategies needed to excel on the SAT1 test. Tuition is \$85 per person. Course number 35446. Call 443-412-2115.

WEDNESDAY
JULY 6
CREATURES OF THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will hold a Creatures of the Bay Cruise, 10 to noon, for children ages 6 to 14, on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. See first hand some of the animals living in the bay. Find and identify the tiniest creature, terrapins, oysters and crabs, oh my! Tickets cost \$15 per person. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

THURSDAY
JULY 7 THROUGH
AUGUST 11
SAT PREP FOR WRITING/READING

Harford Community College, 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air will hold SAT preparations for writing/reading

6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays in Fallston Hall, Room 201.

Review writing and reading skills and learn helpful test-taking strategies needed to excel on the SAT1 test. Tuition is \$85 per person. Course number 35447. Call 443-412-2115.

THURSDAY
JULY 7
TWILIGHT CANOE TRIP

Eden Mill Nature Center, located on 1617 Eden Mill Road Pylesville, Md. offers Twilight Family Canoe Trips on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 to 8 p.m. These trips help acquaint the paddlers with the natural surroundings on Deer Creek. Basic paddling instruction is provided before the trip. Canoes, paddles, and lifejackets will be provided.

All trips originate and end at the Eden Mill Nature Center. This cost is \$8 per person for non-members and \$5 for members. Small groups can be accommodated.

For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com, or visit www.edenmill.org.

DAY ON THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Day on the Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Enjoy the day sailing to Charlestown, bird watching, sightseeing, two area lighthouses, then lunch at the Wellwood Club and return.

Tickets cost \$55 for adults, \$27 for children ages 10 and under. Credit

cards will be accepted. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
JULY 8 AND 9
WILD NIGHT LIFE

Spend the night at the Center and discover what comes out at night. This program will be held from 6 p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Saturday for ages 8 to 12. The cost is \$30 person and includes games, campfire, hike, craft, a movie, snacks and breakfast. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY
JULY 9
WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth and not just with humans. Come help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Come get the scoop on poop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MARYLAND WINE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Maryland Wine Cruise, 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). The ship will take a cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area as passengers enjoy fine wines. The wine cruise will have a representative from the featured winery onboard telling passengers about their wines and vineyards and to answer any questions. Cheese and a fruit tray will be served. Reservations are required. Credit cards will be accepted.

For more information or for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

HOW TO FLY

Humans are not designed to fly, but many things in nature do. Use fun experiments to learn more about the adaptations, which allow living things to travel through the air. Then head outside to see flight in action. This free program will be held at 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 9. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.



MORE ONLINE

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Post Office relocated

Cindy Alban (right), a post office clerk, helps Jeff Tharp, a Communications Electronics Command employee, mail a package during his lunch break. The APG North (Aberdeen) post office recently moved to Bldg. 4310, located at the intersection of Boothby Hill Road and Darlington Street. “The post office provides the same services that it did in its previous location—delivery, collection, retail services and P.O mailbox rentals,” said Postmaster Al Van Kleeck. The facility is open 9 a.m.to 4 p.m., closed 1:15-2:30 p.m. for lunch, Monday to Friday and open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. For information, call 410-278-7967 or visit www.usps.com.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

Explore Harford on the MA & PA Heritage Trail

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Experience the scenic beauty and history of Harford County by walking, jogging or biking on the MA & PA Heritage Trail.

The trail winds through nearby Fallston, Bel Air and Forest Hill and is located along the former Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad corridor, which closely follows the path of the original tracks and gives the route its name.

Many of Harford County's earlier residents depended on the MA & PA railroad for their livelihood and extended social life. This main transportation network carried passengers—theatergoers, relatives, and shoppers—and freight that included mail, coal, canned food, slate products and furniture. At one point, the early morning run from Harford County to Baltimore City carried so much milk that locals called it The Milky Way.

As buses, trucks and cars increasingly transported goods and passengers between Bel Air and Baltimore on Route 1 roads, the trains along the MA & PA railroad chugged thier way into the history books. Today, the route is one of the county's most historic and scenic walking trails.

Joggers and strollers can enjoy tree-shaded trails. Visitors

often spot deer and other wildlife in the cornfield along the Edgeley Grove section. A marshy zone in Forest Hill is home to herons, small ducks and other small animals.

The trail also features an equestrian center, playground, dog park, fishing and picnic areas and sports fields.

Trail Locations

■ **Forest Hill:** The two ends of the MA & PA trail in Forest Hill are Friends Park on 35 E. Jarrettsville Road and Blake's Venture Park on 1514 Melrose Lane. Trail length is 1.7 miles long.

■ **Bel Air:** The two ends of the MA & PA trail in Bel Air are at Heavenly Waters Park on 703 N. Tollgate Road and at Williams St. Trail length is 1.9 miles.

■ **Edgeley Grove:** The Edgeley Grove section connects the Bel Air trail segment at 702 N. Tollgate Road to Annie's Playground, 864 Smith Lane Fallston. Trail length is 1.4 miles.

Important information

■ Free parking is located at all trail heads.

■ Dogs must be on a leash at all times (except in dog park.)

■ Permanent bathrooms located at Annie's Playground, Friend's Park, Blake's Venture Park and Tollgate Road, are open April 1 to Nov. 15. Water fountains are also available at these locations.

■ Visit www.mapatrail.org.



In the early morning hours a visitor enjoys some peace and quiet in the Edgeley Grove section of the MA & PA trail.



Elizabeth McGraw spends time with her furry friend at the Ma & Pa dog park, where pets can roam leash-free. Visit www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks_rec/DogPark.html for more information.



A jogger hits the trail for daily exercise.



Liriodendron Mansion, located on a side section of the Bel Air trail, was the summer home of Dr. Howard Atwood Kelly, a founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital and a contemporary of Maddam Currie and William Mayo.



Annie's Playground is located at the beginning of the Edgely Grove section. The playground was built by volunteers in memory of Annie McGann Cumpston, who was killed by a drunk driver when she was 6 years old. A plaque on the playground reads, "To all who visit here: live love and laugh during your lives and never take for granted the time we have together."